

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Clinton, Iowa

The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 a.m. 600 WMT

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August 24, 2025

Organist:	Debbie Pladna
Elders Early:	David Reynolds, Bill Ross
Ushers Early:	Jon Meyermann, Craig Miller, Rick Christiansen
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	James McHugh, Lucas Krueger
Ushers Late:	Tom McHugh, Jay Mueller, Eli Mueller
Acolyte Late:	Elder
Wed. Elder:	Rick Eizenga

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

We welcome all visitors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless our time together. We ask that you sign our guest register in the entryway.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers today are to the Glory of God, from Marlene Greve in celebration of her 82nd birthday, and for all God's blessings, all year long.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

-Aug. 24: John 16:1-15: The Spirit of Truth

-Aug. 31: John 16:16-33: I have Overcome the World

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY

The St. John Lutheran Church Annual Picnic is **today** following late service. Don't worry if you didn't bring a dish, please come and be our guest. There is no cost for the picnic, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Come for wonderful food, fellowship, and fun. There will be lots of indoor and outdoor activities. This is a great finale for our Summer Sunday school and a kick-off for Fall Sunday school. See you there!

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Help is needed: In the kitchen during late service, cleaning the kitchen after dinner, and cleaning up the building & grounds at the end of the picnic.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class, PWYK Class
- 11:30 Church Picnic
- Monday - 7:00 Planning Council
- Wednesday - 5:30 Family Night
- 7:00 Wednesday Summer Service
- Sunday - **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
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OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Wed., August 13: Total 27

Church Attendance Sunday, August 17: Early 66; Late 70; Total 136

Staff 2; Sunday School 5; Pastor's Class 28; Total 35

Offerings: Current \$4,481.25; District & Synod \$260; Building \$313;

Scholarship \$10; Other \$55

PLANNING COUNCIL

The Planning Council will meet on Monday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night meets this Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERVICES: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Join us for our last Wednesday Summer Service at 7:00 p.m.

-August 27: The Fruit of the Spirit Revisited

PRESCHOOL

The first day of preschool for the 2025/2026 school year is Tuesday, September 2. We still have openings, so please spread the word about our fabulous Christian, play-based preschool! To begin an application please go to: stjohn-clinton-ia.org and click on the preschool tab. All paperwork may be filled out online. Please sign up soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Fall Sunday School program begins on Sunday, September 7.

Sunday school meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Our Mission Project for the Sunday school offerings will go toward our new chapel that is being built in classroom 2. This Mission project will run through the end of October. Thanks!

KURT'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We will resume on Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. Our first class will meet in the fellowship hall along with Pastor Pool's class. We will go over the liturgy readings for the day. Come and join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Janice Wheelock, Anna Krueger, Delores Detlefsen, David Kroymann, Taylor Tubbs, Elle Hill, James Harper, David Becker, Wayne Pearson, Gary Rousseau, Nicole Ingwersen, Marlene Greve, Kurt Haines, Valerie Hill.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ITEMS NEEDED

Following is a list of items that we are low on for the OCC boxes: Hair brushes, Boys and Girls underwear & socks, small note pads, individual tissue packs, kids' scissors. Please place donations in the tote in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – PASTOR GONE SEPTEMBER 2 - 13

Pastor and Sallie will be on vacation from Tuesday, September 2 – Saturday, September 13. Watch for more information in the newsletter.

YOUTH CATECHESIS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17

Youth Catechesis begins on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to meet with the students at the first class. The cost for materials is \$15 and may be paid on the 17. Please make checks payable to St. John. Youth Catechesis meets each Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., from September 17 through the end of April, unless the public schools cancel due to vacation or weather.

ST. JOHN BLOOD DRIVE – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

All who come to give in September will receive a free American Red Cross PEANUTS bag and t-shirt. Please go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. You may also sign up in the fellowship hall.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Abortion and euthanasia aim to avoid disabilities by eliminating the persons who have them. The Christian community, on the other hand, regards persons with disabilities as reasons for rejoicing. Even the most fragile human bodies testify to the goodness of the God who created and sustains them (2 Corinthians 4:7-11). Let us declare and demonstrate how the life of Jesus manifests in every neighbor!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 31: Proverbs 25:2-10; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14